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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, PORS, AR, EC

SUBJECT: BOMB ATTACKS AGAINST LOCAL POLITICAL LEADER AND
ARGENTINE DIPLOMAT

REF: QUITO 6058

1. TWO POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED BOMBINGS OCCURRED IN QUITO IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 28 A DYNAMITE BOMB EXPLODED OUTSIDE THE RESIDENCE OF EUGENIO FERNANDO BRACHT, COUNSELOR OF THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY IN QUITO; AND ON SEPTEMBER 30 A DYNAMITE BOMB EXPLODED OUTSIDE THE UDZTDENT CARLOS JULIO AROSEMENA'S PARTIDO NACIONAL REVOLUCIONARIO, A RIGHT WING NATIONALIST PARTY. WHILE BOTH BOMBS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE PROPERTY DAMAGE, THERE WERE NO SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURIES. THE ATTACKS, PARTICULARLY THAT AGAINST THE ARGENTINE, RECEIVED LIMITED PRESS COVERAGE.

2. ORTUNO CLAIMED TO THE PRESS THAT, "PERSONALLY, I KNOW WHO DID IT. I PREFER FOR THE PRESENT NOT TO IDENTIFY THEM, BUT I WILL DO IT WHEN I HAVE THE NECESSARY PROOF." ORTUNO HAS NOT, HOWEVER, MADE ANY FURTHER STATEMENTS ON THE SUBJECT.



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3. THESE ARE THE FIRST TERRORIST ATTACKS SINCE THE LATE AUGUST BOMBINGS DIRECTED AGAINST THE STATE OIL COMPANY (CEPE) AND OTHER GROUPS CONNECTED WITH THE SCANDAL-RIDDEN ESMERALDAS OFFSHORE LOADING TERMINAL PROJECT. WHILE THERE IS NO OSTENSIBLE RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE TARGETS OF THESE RECENT BOMBINGS, THE MODUS OPERANDI IS SIMILAR.
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E.O. 11652: WA
TAGS: ASAC, PIAS, AR
SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED TO THE RSC ON 2 AND 3 OCT. 76. AT APPROXIMATELY NOON 2 OCT, JORGE RAFAEL VIDELA, PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA, WAS ATTENDING CEREMONIES AT CAMPO DE MAYO IN HONOR OF THE COMMUNICATIONS UNITS OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY. HE DEPARTED THE REVIEWING STAND TO GO TO ANOTHER PART OF THE POST. APPROXIMATELY 5 MINUTES AFTER HIS DEPARTURE, A BOMB DETONATED UNDER-NEATH THE REVIEWING STAND. THE BOMB CONTAINED APPROXIMATELY 4.027 OF AN EXPLOSIVE EQUIVALENT TO DYNAMITE. THE REVIEWING STAND WAS CONSTRUCTED OF PIPE TYPE SCAFFOLDING. THE BOMB HAD BEEN INSERTED IN ONE OF THE PIPES. BOMB WAS DETONATED BY MECHANICAL TIMER. BOA PERSONNEL TOOK INTO CUSTODY THE MUNICIPAL WORKERS WHO HAD ERECTED THE REVIEWING STAND. ONE MEMBER OF BOMB CONFERRED TO PLANTING THE BOMB. ACCORDING TO A SOURCE

IN THE AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE OFFICE, SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS WERE
INJURED BY THE EXPLOSION, INCLUDING ONE REPORTER.

8. ALSO COMMENT: SPECIFICALLY, AN INTERESTING POINT
WITH RESPECT TO THIS PARTICULAR INCIDENT IS THE FACT THAT
AMONG THE MUNICIPAL WORK FORCE AN OBVIOUS TERRORIST HAD
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APPARENTLY BEEN A LATENT STATE AND ACTIVATED FOR THIS
PARTICULAR ACTIVITY. IT IS ALSO INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT
IN THE BOMBING OF THE POLICE INTELLIGENCE HQ (B.A. 4374)
INVESTIGATION SUBSEQUENTLY REVEALED THAT THE BOMBING WAS
PERPETRATED BY TWO POLICE OFFICERS WHO HAD BEEN RECRUITED
BY THE HORIONEROS, SENT THROUGH POLICE TRAINING AND
ACTIVATED FOR THAT PARTICULAR OPERATION. NUMEROUS TERRORIST
ACTIONS HAVE BEEN THE RESULT OF RECRUITATIONS INTO THE POLICE,
MILITARY AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE GOA. NO MENTION OF
THIS EVENT HAS APPEARED IN ARGENTINE NEWS MEDIA.
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